Expansion of Crop Insurance Policy

*263. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to expand the Crop Insurance Policy as per the recommendation of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Committee; and

(b) whether women are being included in the farm insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan are being examined by the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. Under the existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), women farmers are also eligible for availing the benefit.

Upgradation of Medical Institutions under PMSSY

*264. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for the upgradation of 13 medical institutions under the PMSSY and the details regarding individual institutions;

(b) by when such upgradation is likely to be completed; and

(c) by when the new medical institution being created under this scheme at Jodhpur would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 13 Government medical college institutions have been selected for upgradation. The work relating to Project Consultancy and execution of upgradation of the medical college institutions has been assigned to M/s. Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Ltd., Hindustan Latex Ltd. and CPWD.

The Central technical teams consisting of faculty experts from AIIMS,

PGIMER and JIPMER alongwith Central Design Bureau, Directorate General of Health Services have visited all the concerned Government institution for gap analysis and assessment of requirement. The upgradation broadly envisages strengthening the existing departments, through procurement of equipments. It is also proposed to build a Super Speciality Block, Trauma Centre, Nursing College, OPD etc. for many of the institutions. Proposals are being finalized in consultation with the concerned Institutions and State Governments.

The upgradation work would be carried out in phases. Most of the equipments for existing departments are proposed to be procured in 2007-08. Civil construction work for new buildings for most of the institutions is expected to be completed by 2009. Equipment required for these buildings would be procured accordingly.

The institution-wise progress in given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(c) The establishment of AIIMS-like institution at Jodhpur is expected by 2010-11.

Statement

Institution-wise progress of upgradation

1. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Lucknow

Architect and design for the super speciality block has been completed. Detailed Project Report for construction of Super Speciality Block is under preparation. List of equipment and its specifications have been finalized.

2. *Kolkata Medical College*

Concept plan for new OPD & Aministrative Block has been finalized. Detailed Project Report for construction of new OPD and Administrative Block is under preparation. The proposed Super Speciality Block would be constructed in Phase-ll, since current OPD will require shifting to newly constructed OPD building. List of equipments and specifications have been finalized. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

3. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad.

Selection of Architect and Design for construction of 300 bedded Super Speciality Block & Trauma Centre is under finalisation by State Government. List of equipments and specifications have been finalised. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

4. B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad

Concept Plan for upgradation of Nursing School, Nursing College & Hostels, Trauma Centre, Wards, OTS, Paraplagia hospital, etc. has been finalized. The civil work would be carried out from State Government's share of Rs. 20 Cr. plus an additional amount of Rs. 4-5 Cr. from GOI fund. State Government has been requested to make available the DPR. List of equipments and its specifications have been finalized. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

5. Grants Medical College & J.J. Hospital, Mumbai

There is a court case pending in High Court, Nagpur Branch, challenging the decision for selection of Grants Medical College, Mumbai, instead of Medical College at Nagpur.

6. Shri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati

The Institute has already constructed its Super Speciality Block at an estimated cost of Rs. 60 Cr. from its share of contribution. GOI share of Rs. 60 Cr. would be utilized for procurement of equipments. List of equipments and specifications has been finalized. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

7. Bangalore Medical College

Selection of Architect and Design for construction of SSB & Trauma Centre has been finalized. Concept plans for construction of Nursing College finalized. Detailed Project Report for construction of SSB is under preparation. List of equipments and specifications has been finalized. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

8. Thimvananthapuram Medical College

Selection of Architect and Design for construction of SSB has been finalized. HLL, the Project Consultant, has been asked to submit DPR by the end of March, 2007. Concept plans for construction of PG Block for Nursing College, Industrial Pharma Division and MLT Blocks from the State Government funds have also been finalized.

List of equipments and specifications have been finalized. Process for the procurement of some equipments for strengthening the existing facilities has been initiated.

9. Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem

Central technical team of JIPMER/CDB visited Salem for initial assessment of the medical college on 20th & 21 st December, 2006. Revised proposal submitted by the institute for construction of 300 bedded super-speciality hospital and 150 bedded Trauma Centre and Nursing College & Paramedical block is being examined by HLL/Central Design Bureau (CDB).

10. Jammu Medical College

Selection of Architect and Design for construction of Super Speciality Block has been finalized. CPWD, the Project Consultant, has been asked to submit DPR by 31st March, 2007.

The list of equipments has been finalized. Specifications for the equipments are under finalization.

11. Srinagar Medical College

The Project proposal is being vetted by the PGIMER/CPWD. DPR is under preparation.

The list of equipments has been finalized and specifications for the equipments is under vetting by PGIMER.

12. Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (IMS, BHU)

Central Technical Team visited IMS, BHU, Varanasi for initial assessment on 4-5th December, 2006. The Project Proposal envisages construction of a Trauma Centre and upgradation of Nursing School. It is under examination

in consultation with the Institute and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

13. Patliputra Medical College & Hospital, Dhanbad

Central Technical Team of the MoHFW evaluated the patliputra Medical College and Hospital; Dhanbad, on 10-12th August, 2006. Central team observed that there are large gaps in the Patliputra Medical College & Hospital (PMCH) both in terms of infrastructure and manpower resources. It was felt that it would be difficult to upgrade the medical institution with the available resources to a satisfactory level of super speciality.

The GOI has suggested to State Government to consider Ranchi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi, as the alternative, which had initially been selected. The State Government is yet to respond.

Adverse impact of healthcare tourism

*265. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have as a policy, acquiesced with many States promoting healthcare tourism causing a drain on scarce medicare resources both in infrastructure and doctors/paramedics badly needed to provide basic healthcare to the locals; and

(b) whether private investment in health sector attempts to provide medicare to rich and elite including foreign tourists which would deprive the right of the poor Indians for basic medicare at affordable costs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Many States are promoting themselves as destinations for Health Tourism. These focus primarily on the rejuvenating techniques of Indian Systems of Medicine especially of Ayurveda. Specialized medical healthcare facilities available in the private sector in India are also being used by patients from foreign countries. The influx of tourists to such State generates increased demands for these services resulting in creation of additional infrastructure, employment generation, development of man-power and building up of foreign exchange reserves. Private investment in the Health Sector is made primarily on market considerations except the investment made by the charitable and